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ADHERE TO OLD PRINCIPLES

There seems to be a growing tendency throughout the country to depart from old established principles in many ways. The founders of this country were wise beyond their age and day and they laid down principles by which we were to control this government and those principles are held sound and safe to this day. The greatest one of these principles was that the majority should rule. In every organization, no matter how small, in the clubs, in the lodges, in business organizations, this rule still pertains, yet in our government there is a strong tendency to let a few men, or a few interests control and shape the policy of the government just as their selfish interests desire.

The Democratic party nationally loudly proclaims that the Republican party is owned and controlled by the selfish interests of Wall street and the big corporations of the East, and this is the wail of our party from one end of the country to the other, yet we find this same tendency of limited control and shaping of policy right in our own State, County and community. It is claimed that the State is controlled by a small party of men who absolutely control its destiny, its policies shape its destiny, its policies and its action, and it is almost an acknowledged fact that this county of Halifax is controlled in much the same way and that the public as a whole, the voters, have absolutely no say so in its policies, in its control, in its expenditures, and in its taxation. Coming down to our own local community, and we find the very

same condition existing. No matter what the large majority of the people honestly and sincerely want, if it does meet with the approval and wishes of a few influential men they are controlled, and at times persuaded, to act against their own convictions and desires.

We abhor this tendency in the national government, in the state government, in county affairs, and we should abhor such actions and conditions in our own community. Let us get back to the principles as laid down in the foundation of this government—majority rule—and we will find that we will have a better government, a more satisfied people, a closer cooperation, and we will be enabled thereby to accomplish unbelievable things in the upbuilding of our community, county, state and nation, through a clean representative government, and not one controlled by selfish interests.

COOPERATE WITH THE SCHOOL

The opening of this year's session of the school yesterday was under most auspicious circumstances, in that there were present a large number of parents and that there was manifest an evident interest in the school which has not at all times been

shown. For the superintendent and the teachers to do their most effective work there must be close cooperation between the parents, children and teachers. If the parents are thoroughly and deeply interested in the school, which they should be, for their children will be in the future just what the school and its training makes them, then we will have a school second to none in the state, which is the mark the superintendent has set before him.

The future of our own community and the state rests in the hands of these little ones and we should be willing to make any sacrifice necessary to give them every advantage so that we may have the assurance that our own community and the state will be safe in their hands. So, work with the little ones, encourage them, keep up their interest, see that they attend regularly, teach them loyalty to their teachers and instill into them the desire to excel; be loyal yourself to the school and lend it your support and give the teachers your encouragement, then may we expect to have a school and make a record of which we may all be proud.

For the high dollar, sell your tobacco at Enfield Warehouse. P. E. Powell, Manager 9-10-4t 8-29-4f

Mr. Norfleet S. Smith,
Editor Commonwealth,
City.

Dear Sir: We heartily approve of your efforts thru the Commonwealth to get our citizens interested in cleaning up the old Wood property in the centre of town for a permanent play ground. You have been punching me very hard about our unsightly shingle pile but if you will get the citizens interested and start the move we will take our shingles to some other place and contribute our Hotel stock to get the move under way. If this property is converted into a playground where our children can enjoy themselves we all will feel proud to point out the spot to the stranger when in our midst and make him realize that we have a town worth living in. The move will be in keeping with the paved streets and the good School and churches that we have.

Yours for a better and cleaner town,
R. L. HARDY.

NOTICE!

I hereby forbid anyone hunting on my land, known as the Mrs. P. A. Askew Farm. Anyone caught hunting with gun or dog on said land will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

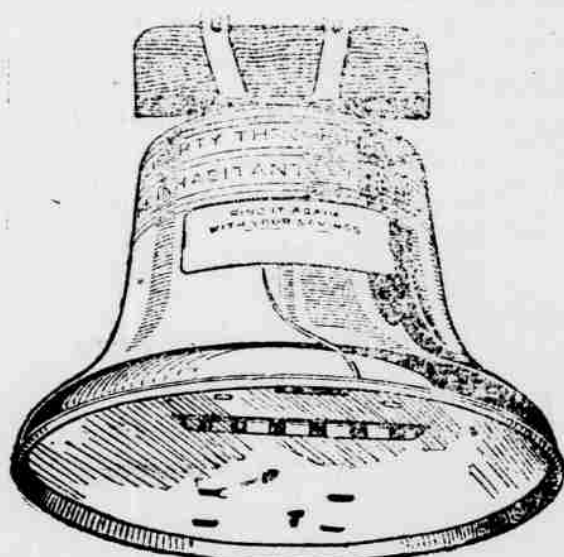
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